

Annual Symphony Solo Competition



PRELIMINARY VIDEO DUE: **Saturday, January 9, 2021, 1:30 pm**

COMPETITION FINALS: **Sunday, January 24, 2021, 4:00 PM**
House of Hope, 797 Summit Ave, St Paul, MN 55105

- Performance of the solo will take place during our spring concert, which is scheduled for **May 2, 2020** at Orchestra Hall. If this concert does not take place due to COVID-19, there will be an alternate performance date or we will provide an opportunity for the winner to be featured in a digital video performance.
- Preliminary entries will be screened and finalists will be selected by Bill Eddins.
- Please submit your video using a Google form which will be found on the MYS website at <https://forms.gle/rqsbKKkpDT7EJGD6>
- Your video must be formatted as an unlisted YouTube video. See instructions below.
- Preliminary competition results will be emailed to all participants.

Rules & Regulations:

1. For the 2020-2021 season, you must participate in the Symphony Orchestra for the second and third trimesters.
2. Only one selection is permitted and only on the instrument you play in MYS.
3. Past solo competition winners are not allowed to participate.
4. Selected piece may be either a movement of a concerto or a work that is written for solo instrument(s) with orchestral accompaniment.
5. The orchestration must include a majority of the instruments in a symphony orchestra. It is your responsibility to determine if the music is currently in print or available for rental. **Caution:** If you perform a piece that is rental there is no guarantee it will be available to MYS to rent when it is needed. A Google search can help you identify if the piece is available to rent and currently in print. **Please contact the MYS office immediately with any questions regarding the suitability of your piece.**
6. Your selection should be not more than 12 minutes in length. Please select a piece that will have audience appeal with varying tempos and dynamics.
7. Please record your performance without piano accompaniment.
8. Your video submission indicates that your private teacher supports your entry into this competition with the piece you have selected. We recommend that your teacher help you record your submission video.

Submitting Your Solo Competition Video:

1. Film your video using a phone, laptop, or other camera equipment
2. Create a YouTube channel (if you don't have one already).
3. Upload video to your YouTube channel.
4. Title your video: first name, last name, instrument, Symphony Solo Competition Submission 2020-21
5. Make your video "Unlisted" so that it is not "Public" or "Private", but so anyone with the link can view it. Your privacy is important to us- only MYS staff and conductors will have access to your video for the purposes of competition judging, and it will not be shared outside of the organization.
6. Use this online form to submit your video: <https://forms.gle/rqsbKKkpDT7EJGD6>

Symphony Solo Competition Finals:

1. Finalists are expected to perform their piece from memory for the finals on January 24, 2021.
2. Finals will be judged by Symphony conductor Bill Eddins and a panel of adjudicators from the professional music community (that does not include the private instructors of finalists).
3. Due to COVID-19, we want to minimize the number of musicians in the building for the finals. We will have two accompanists to choose from for the finals. Please contact Kerri LeJeune or Charles Kemper to arrange rehearsal time.

Charles Kemper

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Kerri LeJeune

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4. Due to COVID-19, the audience for the finals will be open to the student's immediate family and private teacher only. MYS will plan to livestream the finals.
5. Due to COVID-19, we will abide by social distance guidelines. Audience members and staff will wear masks. Performers will not be required to wear masks but will be appropriately distanced from the audience and accompanist.
6. One copy of the music must be provided for the judges at the finals. A photocopy is okay.